GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:321
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
LADEN THREAT TO ATTACK AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether American intelligence agency, C.I.A., has sent a message to Delhi Police that Laden is planning to attack the American establishments;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken so far in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have recently arrested some persons in connection with the conspiracy to blow up American Embassy;

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(f): Yes, Sir. The U.S. Embassy had given an unconfirmed information about the possibility of attack on the U.S. Embassy in Delhi during the monsoon season by terrorists possibly linked with Osama-bin-Laden. The information was further developed and two persons, including a Sudanese national, were arrested and a prefabricated IED containing 6 Kgs of RDX alongwith a detonator fitted with timer pencil, two cell-phones and two SIM cards were recovered from them. The investigation into this matter has led to the arrest of two other persons allegedly involved in the conspiracy.